

nonangular sculpturing. It differs from *P. insolita* H. E. Moore in having regularly pinnate leaves lacking large scales (ramenta) on the midrib of the pinnae beneath, and in having black rather than red fruit. The relationship is close, however; the endocarp and seed very much resemble those of *P. insolita*.

The westward range of *Physokentia* is substantially increased by the finding of this species. The epithet *avia* (from the Latin *avius*, out of the way, untrod-den) suggests both this distance and the nature of the type locality which was reached by helicopter. The genus is now to be looked for on Bougainville and Choiseul which lie between the New Georgia Group, formerly its western limit, and New Britain.

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### Taveunia and Cyphosperma

When *Taveunia tanga* was described from Fiji in 1965, I had an erroneous concept of the monotypic New Caledonian genus *Cyphosperma* H. Wendland ex J. D. Hooker. In the interim, I have had occasion to study *Cyphosperma balansae* (Brongniart) H. Wendland ex Salomon at three localities in New Caledonia and to make comparisons

between *Taveunia* Burret and *Cyphosperma* based on experience with both in the field and on study of herbarium specimens and preserved materials. The differences are so slight—less prominently sculptured endocarp and seed and presence of a dorsal ridge rather than furrow on the endocarp and seed of *Taveunia*—and the resemblances so marked otherwise that it no longer seems possible to maintain *Taveunia* apart from the older genus *Cyphosperma*. A more detailed analysis is in manuscript, but appropriate names are needed for a treatment of palms in a new flora of Fiji that is now being prepared for the printer. These names are therefore published here.

**Cyphosperma tanga** (H. E. Moore)  
H. E. Moore, *tr. nov.*

*Taveunia tanga* H. E. Moore, *Candollea* 20: 98. 1965.

**Cyphosperma trichospadix** (Burret)  
H. E. Moore, *tr. nov.*

*Taveunia trichospadix* Burret, Bishop Museum Occasional Papers 11(4): 13. 1935.

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